

# Pediatric Practice Enhancement Project

## Strengthening RI's Medical Home Infrastructure

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The Pediatric Practice Enhancement Project (PPEP) supports pediatric and specialty practices in providing care to children with special health care needs and their families within a comprehensive coordinated family centered medical home.

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Happy New Year and Welcome to the first edition of the PPEP Newsletter. 2006 was good to the Pediatric Practice Enhancement Project. We received a federal grant to double the number of sites, formed some great partnerships, assisted approximately 800 families, and have received local, national, and international recognition for the parent partnership model.

Here are a few things to expect in 2007:

1. Increase in project communication (annual meeting, quarterly newsletter, bimonthly face-to-face contact with the RI Department of Health.)
2. Parent consultant training will include topics of oral health, physical activity, lift care systems, strengthening families, reproductive health, and services for youth in transition
3. Piloting developmental screening project: Watch Me Grow RI
4. Secure future funding for PPEP

### **Important Dates**

**March 28** Parent Professional Partnership Conference, Warwick, RI

**March 4** PPEP Presentation at Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs Annual Conference, Washington DC

**May 17** PPEP Annual Review, Chelo's Restaurant, Warwick, RI

**July 31** PPEP Presentation at the Institute for Family-Centered Care International Conference, Seattle, Washington

### **Did you know?**

**PPEP has reached 1,250 families and resolved 2,700 concerns.**

### **Patient and Family Centered Care**

Patient and family centered care is an approach to health care that recognizes the role of the family in providing medical care. Patient and family centered care encourages collaboration between the patient, family, and health care professionals, and honors individual and family strengths, cultures, traditions, and expertise. The American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Emergency Physicians support promoting patient dignity, comfort, and autonomy by recognizing the patient and family as key decision-makers in the patient's medical care, recognizing the patient's experience and perspective in a culturally sensitive manner, acknowledging the interdependence of child and parent as well as the pediatric patient's evolving independence, encouraging family-member presence, providing information to the family during interventions, encouraging collaboration with other health care professionals, acknowledging the importance of the patient's medical home, and encouraging institutional policies for patient and family centered care.

### **Did you know?**

**When comparing health care costs a year before and a year after PPEP participation, there is a decrease in institutional level care and an increase in community based services.**

### Partner Highlights:

- The **RI Department of Human Services (DHS)** has revised the application packet for Katie Beckett eligibility in an effort to clarify information required. This new application packet along with level of care criteria and frequently asked questions are now available on the DHS website: [www.dhs.ri.gov](http://www.dhs.ri.gov)
- ◆ **Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN)** received the Parent Information Resource Center grant that encourages parent engagement in the many public schools throughout RI.
- ◆ **Watch Me Grow RI** is piloting a developmental screening project in childcare facilities and primary care practices in South County.
- ◆ **Neighborhood Health Plan of RI** was recently voted the #1 Medicaid Health Plan in America according to a joint rating by *US News & World Report* and the National Committee for Quality Assurance.
- ◆ **Family Voices** at the Rhode Island Parent Information Network is taking family resources to the streets! Family Voices has hired a Resource Specialist who will be responsible for stocking physician practices, hospitals, specialty sites, and other community agencies and organizations with valuable resource information for families and professionals across the state.
- ◆ The **RI American Academy of Pediatrics** looks forward to a 2007 filled with further growth and development of important initiatives assisting practices and families in RI.

### Focus on Transition

The increasing number of youth with disabilities and chronic health conditions surviving into adulthood has necessitated a shift in the approach to educational, health, employment, and independent living services. The emphasis has shifted toward ensuring inclusion and full participation of individuals with disabilities and chronic health conditions in education, meaningful employment, and community living. To achieve these goals as adults, youth with disabilities and chronic health conditions may require support and services to help them transition in all aspects of their adult lives. The receipt of adequate health care is a vital component of this vision as health affects all aspects of life, school, community, and employment. For a detailed report, visit: [www.health.ri.gov/family/specialneeds/HealthCareTransitionPolicyBrief.pdf](http://www.health.ri.gov/family/specialneeds/HealthCareTransitionPolicyBrief.pdf)

### Pediatric Practice Enhancement Project Sites

**Aquidneck Medical Associates** 50 Memorial Boulevard,  
Newport, RI 02840; Phone: 847-2290

Parent Consultant: Diane Smyth

Established: June 2004

**Children's Hospital Rehabilitation Department**

765 Allens Avenue, Providence, RI 02905; Phone: 432-6800

Parent Consultant: Michelle DeSchenes

Established: January 2007

**Children's Neurodevelopment Center**

593 Eddy Street, Providence, RI 02903; Phone: 444-5685

Parent Consultant: Alissa Bourque

Established: November 2001

**Coastal Waterman Pediatrics** 900 Warren Avenue, East  
Providence, RI 02914; Phone: 421-6481

Parent Consultant: Erika Nogueira

Established: December 2006

**Community Asthma Program**

593 Eddy Street, Providence, RI 02903; Phone: 444-3092

Parent Consultant: Lisa LeTang

Established: January 2004

**Dr. Cheryl Flynn**

2 Wake Robin Road, Lincoln, RI 02865; Phone: 333-1656

Parent Consultant: Brenda Andino

Established: September 2004

**Neonatal Intensive Care Unit**

101 Dudley Street, Providence, RI 02903; Phone: 274-1100

Parent Consultant: Cathy Conley

Established: August 2004

**City of Newport Housing Authority; Healthy Residents,  
Healthy Homes Project**

1 York Street, Newport, RI 02840; Phone: 848-6697

Parent Consultant: Lee Ann Freitas

Established: January 2007

**Northstar Pediatrics Hasbro Children's Hospital**

593 Eddy Street; Providence, RI 02903; Phone: 444-4471

Parent Consultant: Diane Hernandez

Established: May 2004

**Park Pediatrics, Inc.**

801 Park Avenue Cranston, RI 02910; Phone: 274-6575

Parent Consultant: Michelle De Los Santos

Established: May 2004

**Rainbow Pediatrics** Lower Level Hasbro, 593 Eddy Street,  
Providence, RI 02905; Phone: 444-4691

Parent Consultant: Joeanna Cruz

Established: December 2004

**South County Pediatric Group, Inc.** 4979 Tower Hill  
Road, Wakefield, RI 02879; Phone: 789-6492

Parent Consultant: Valarie Delaney

Established: September 2004

**The Autism Project** 51 Sockanosset Crossroad, Suite A,  
Cranston, RI 02920; Phone: 785-2666

Parent Consultant: Ana Morales

Established: September 2006

**Ventilator Integration Program**

593 Eddy Street, Providence, RI 02903; Phone: 444-3079

Parent Consultant: Shavon Smith

Established: November 2004

**Wood River Health Services**

823 Main Street, Hope Valley, RI 02832; Phone: 539-0228

Parent Consultant: Jennifer O'Keefe

Established: April 2005